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Attorney's Docket No. 000023-014

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
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Takashi HAKUTA et al ) Group Art Unit: 1713  
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Application No.: 09/673,608 ) Examiner: Bernard Lipman  
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Filed: October 19, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 2117  
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For: **CROSSLINKABLE RUBBER** )  
 **COMPOSITIONS AND USE THEREOF** )  
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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (2801) ☐ \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

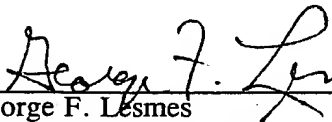
☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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**AMENDMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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In response to the Official Action [Restriction Requirement] mailed October 1,  
2002, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27,  
29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 48, 51, 53, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66,  
67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 83, 86, 87 and 94 as follows:

5. (Amended) The crosslinkable rubber composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein  
the ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin/non-conjugated polyene random copolymer rubber (A) has the  
following properties:

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